GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF HANDLOOM SECTOR
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantum of handloom textiles in the country have stagnated due to the influence of powerloom and lack of sufficient marketing facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the families depending upon this industry are facing unprecedented penurious situation; and

(d) if so, the steps/schemes proposed to be taken by the Government to mitigate the sufferings of these people?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.227 FOR 18.3.2005 REGARDING PROBLEMS OF HANDLOOM SECTOR

(a) There has been some accumulation of handloom textiles in the country in general, which is due to the influence of powerlooms.

(b) Requisite State-wise information in regard to the above is being collected.

(c) & (d) In order to mitigate the problems faced by the handloom weavers, the Government of India is implementing following developmental and welfare schemes:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

2. Marketing Promotion Programme

3. Handloom Export Scheme

4. Mill Gate Price Scheme

5. Scheme for reimbursement of one time rebate @ 10% given by the handloom agencies on the sale of handloom cloth
6. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme

7 Weavers' Welfare Scheme comprising of-

(i) Health Package Scheme;

(ii) Thrift Fund Scheme and

(iii) New Insurance Scheme

8. Bunkar bima Yojana

9. Integrated Handloom Training programme
10. Implementation of Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985